

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

The earliest regulations of labour in the South dealt exclusively with the servant problem. The same requirements for identity cards were made in Cochin-China, but applied with greater strictness in Tonkin* But until the end of the century there was no real labour problem. Up to that time the natural growth of the population had sufficed for labour needs. The opening of Cochin-China's Western provinces to colonization precipitated the application of the 1896 Tonkin labour edict. As in the North, it was the first legalized punishment of workers breaking their contracts. In 1903 the worker was slowed to appeal against an employer's failure to fulfil his end of the contract. The planters, as usual, were dissatisfied with this impartial arrangement, and asked for severer regulations. In addition **they** wanted authorization to recruit groups of labourers for an indefinite term,, through the village Notables and not by individual contracts. Their agitation was such that a committee studied these and ended by embodying, in a 1909 edict, a more concrete of employees' contractual duties.

The of March 6,1910, constituted a working code in forty-nine for **the** whole Union. Permission to hire labour had to be got the and in this way state supervision was inaugurated. Contracts had to be registered at Saigon and then sent 10 the of the province where the labourer lived. "There were for female labour. This edict represented the second in the labour legislation, and it was in force until the **end** erf the War, the return of woiiers from France necessitated

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